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FOUR NEW RESIDENCES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

AT WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

A \$2,500,000 residence building program, now under way at Waterloo Lutheran University, will be completed for the beginning of fall term.

Construction has begun on four new residences with value of construction awards totalling \$2,000,000. The remainder of the total will include furnishing costs.

The program will bring to five the number of new residences to be added to the campus this year. The first, South Hall, A wing, with 106 beds for men students, was completed and occupied in late February.

Monteith-McGrath Ltd., Waterloo, is building South Hall, B wing, which will house 66 students. An overhead walkway will connect the two wings of the residence.

Dunker Construction Ltd., Kitchener, has begun construction of a 100-bed addition to the women's residence. The addition, at the rear of the present structure, will form an interior, private quadrangle.

Two small graduate residences, containing the first apartments for married students and rooms for graduate students, are being built by William Wolfe Construction Ltd., Waterloo. They will contain accommodation for 62 students.

Dr. William J. Villaume, president, said construction of the new residences is another step toward the university's objective of housing 85 per cent of its students on campus. The remaining 15 per cent would be Kitchener Waterloo students living at home.

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"A university should be a community of learning, where the students live and study as members of a family in pursuit of truth," Dr. Villaume said. "This objective cannot be achieved if students live in scattered and often unsatisfactory residences, miles from the campus."

The president added that Waterloo Lutheran is one of the few universities which can hope to build sufficient residences for all out-of-town students, since it is following a program of limiting enrolment. Unlike provincially-sponsored universities, WLU is not subject to meeting student quotas.

The success of French House, a small residence for nine women undergraduate French students and their professor, will be reflected in the new residences.

All will be built with small self-contained lounge and bedroom quarters so that the advantage of French House can be extended into other fields. A second language residence for men will be opened in South Hall this fall, and other subject areas are under consideration.

Construction of the new residences will boost accommodation by 336 beds, bringing the total to 780. It is expected that 2,400 undergraduate students will be enrolled this fall.